



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Members of the City Council
c/o City Clerk

From: Karen Bass, Mayor *Karen Bass*

Subject: **RE-EXEMPTION REQUEST – BUREAU OF ENGINEERING, (1)
DEPUTY CITY ENGINEER**

Date: September 24, 2024

The Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE) has requested the exemption of one (1) position of Deputy City Engineer, Class Code 9490, in accordance with Charter Section 1001(b), from civil service as management, professional, scientific, or expert services exemptions.

The Deputy City Engineer position was previously approved for exemption under 1001(b) by the City Council on August 9, 2016 (CF# 14-0306) and was subsequently filled. The position was vacated on April 21, 2023, and deleted from the count.

Charter Section 1001(b)(1) requires that, “When the position is vacated, the exemption shall terminate unless re-authorized in accordance with this subsection.” Charter Section 1001(b) allows up to 150 persons to be exempt, of which 127 are approved, and an additional 4 are pending approval. Approval of this request will increase the count. As of the date of this letter, this request will be in the 128th position of the 150 exemptions. There are an additional 50 exempt positions added by the City Council pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b)(4), of which 13 are filled.

This Deputy City Engineer position for BOE’s Mobility Program will oversee three divisions employing more than 100 positions, as follows:

- The Sidewalk Repair Division leads the City’s \$1.4 billion, 30-year Safe Sidewalks LA program, committed to providing safe, accessible sidewalks and pedestrian rights-of-way.

- The Street Improvement Division is responsible for the planning, design, and construction management of more than 100 grant and locally-funded Street Capital Improvement projects including bike lanes, landscape medians, curb ramp installation and upgrades, and traffic safety elements.
- The Bridge Improvement Division is responsible for managing projects that involve seismic retrofit, widening or replacement of City-owned bridges that are funded by the Federal Highway Bridge Program and other local/State special funding sources.

This Deputy City Engineer position requires a Bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university in Civil Engineering, registration with the California State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers as a Civil Engineer, and one year of professional engineering experience at the level of a Principal Civil Engineer.

The exemption of this position will allow BOE the flexibility to recruit and select the best qualified candidate who possesses the necessary experience and expertise for the position. The duties and requirements as described are appropriate to the class of Deputy City Engineer.

Based on my review of BOE's request, as well as the review of the Personnel Department, I hereby approve the request for the exemption of the Deputy City Engineer and transmit my action to the City Council, pursuant to City Charter Section 1001(b)(1). If the exempt position is not filled within six months, the Mayor's approval for the department to fill the position may expire.

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